



ECOS

2019 ECOS Spring Meeting

Agenda as of March 22

Partnership in Action: Advancing Collaboration, Certainty, & Confidence

April 8-10 (Welcome, Networking, & New Member Orientation on April 7)

Crystal City, Virginia | Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel

Items Shaded in Green are Closed Sessions.

Sunday, April 7

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	Early Registration Open <i>Check in at the registration desk and ask for any help installing your meeting app.</i>	Foyer
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Welcome, Networking, & New Member Orientation for New and Returning Members and Invited Alumni 4:00 p.m. Welcome and Self-Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Becky Keogh, ECOS President and Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Jim Macy, ECOS Vice President and Director, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality 4:20 p.m. ECOS 101 & Cooperative Federalism Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Don Welsh, Executive Director, ECOS ❖ Todd Parfitt, ECOS Past President and Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality 4:40 p.m. Making the Most of Your ECOS Membership Roundtable with Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Patrick McDonnell, ECOS Secretary-Treasurer and Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ❖ Todd Parfitt ❖ Janet Coit, Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (invited) 5:20 p.m. Speed Mentoring 6:00 p.m. Informal Gathering at SOCCi within Hotel	Studio D

Evening open for networking and individually arranged meetings.

Monday, April 8

7:15 a.m.	Registration Desk Open <i>Check in at the registration desk and ask for any help installing your meeting app.</i>	Foyer
7:15 – 8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Salon 1
7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Advancing Collaboration Side Session: ECOS & U.S. EPA Cooperative Federalism Oversight Workgroups <i>Open to workgroup members. Participants may take breakfast into the session.</i> <i>This session will center on work ECOS and U.S. EPA are pursuing to apply cooperative federalism principles to U.S. EPA oversight of programs implemented by authorized or delegated states. Members will discuss ongoing work in the Title V and NPDES permit programs and explore expanding efforts nationwide and into new programs.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ David Paylor, ECOS Oversight Workgroup Vice Chair, President of the Environmental Research Institute of the States, and Director, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (moderator) ❖ TBD, ECOS Oversight Workgroup Chair ❖ Henry Darwin, Associate Deputy Administrator & Chief of Operations, U.S. EPA 	Studio A
7:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Advancing Collaboration Side Session: Shale Gas Caucus 7:45 a.m. Pathways for State Promotion of Innovative Methane Technologies <i>Participants may take breakfast into the session.</i> <i>Many stakeholders see an opportunity for regulation to recognize and encourage innovative ways to achieve environmental goals more efficiently. New approaches to manage methane leaks are forging the way for the regulations of the future. Come hear from state and federal regulators, industry, and environmental NGO and academic experts about a new EDF/SGC framework on methane innovation and collaboration.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dave Glatt, SGC Co-Chair and Chief, Environmental Health Section, North Dakota Department of Health (co-moderator) ❖ Jim Kenney, SGC Co-Chair and Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department (co-moderator) ❖ Aileen Nowlan, Senior Manager, EDF+ Business 	Studio D

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Arvind Ravikumar, Assistant Professor of Energy Engineering, Harrisburg University of Science & Technology ❖ Drew Pomerantz, Principal Research Scientist & Program Manager, Schlumberger Limited <p>8:45 a.m. U.S. EPA's New Owner Audit Program and Compliance Assistance Center for Oil & Natural Gas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Patrick Traylor, Deputy Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance 	
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Advancing Collaboration: U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Discussions</p> <p><i>Open to state and U.S. EPA representatives, who should take a seat at the appropriate Regional table for informal conversations.</i></p>	Salon 1-3
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break with Refreshments	Foyer
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	<p>Plenary Session: Welcome & Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Call to Order, ECOS President Becky Keogh, Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Welcome Remarks, Don Welsh, ECOS Executive Director ❖ Agenda Preview, Becky Keogh ❖ Self-Introduction of ECOS members & staff ❖ ECOS Trivia: Member Edition, emceed by Don Welsh 	Salon 4
11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	<p>Crowdsourcing Solutions Session</p> <p><i>Faced with complex environmental challenges, states must continuously explore creative and cost-effective solutions. In this interactive dialogue, ECOS members will present challenges faced in the areas of stormwater and air monitoring for emerging compounds, and all attendees will have a chance to chime in with solutions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Don Welsh, ECOS Executive Director (moderator) ❖ Janet Coit, Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management ❖ Sheila Holman, Assistant Secretary for the Environment, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality 	Salon 4
12:25 – 1:40 p.m.	<p>Advancing Collaboration with U.S. EPA: Lunch with Conversation between ECOS President Becky Keogh, Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, and Andrew Wheeler, Administrator, U.S. EPA, introduced by Ken Wagner, Oklahoma Secretary of Energy & Environment</p>	Salon 1-3

1:45 – 2:15 p.m.	<p>Creating Certainty through Technology: E-Enterprise Digital Transformation Roundtable</p> <p><i>States, tribes, and U.S. EPA have joined forces on a Digital Strategy and Architecture Plan and a Roadmap for implementing the plan. This work will help the partners make more coordinated investments in information technology and process improvements that facilitate interoperability and opportunities for sharing data, information, and services. The collaboration advances the mission of the E-Enterprise Leadership Council to modernize the business of environmental protection.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Andy Putnam, E-Enterprise for the Environment & Exchange Network Management Board State Chair and Environmental Information Manager, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (moderator) ❖ Stephen Forrest, Chief Information Officer, Montana Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Vaughn Noga, E-Enterprise for the Environment Leadership Council member and Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information & Chief Information Officer, U.S. EPA 	Salon 4
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	<p>Creating Certainty through Results: Permit Timeliness Roundtable</p> <p><i>This session will examine work of ECOS and U.S. EPA through the E-Enterprise for the Environment initiative to promote timely permit review. ECOS members and U.S. EPA will report on efforts to address issues such as incomplete permitting applications and permit tracking.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jim Macy, ECOS Vice President, E-Enterprise for the Environment State Co-Chair, and Director, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Henry Darwin, E-Enterprise for the Environment Federal Co-Chair and Associate Deputy Administrator & Chief of Operations, U.S. EPA ❖ Marty Suuberg, ECOS Water Committee Chair and Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ❖ Darsi Foss, Division Administrator, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 	Salon 4
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Break with Refreshments	Foyer
3:30 – 4:10 p.m.	<p>Advancing Collaboration: State-U.S. EPA Partnership Roundtable on Compliance</p> <p><i>Open to states and U.S. EPA. This dialogue will focus on the next round of National Compliance Initiatives and progress under U.S. EPA's</i></p>	Salon 4

	<i>2018 interim guidance on enhancing Region-state compliance planning.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jim Macy, ECOS Vice President and Director, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Susan Bodine, Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance 	
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	ECOS Executive Committee <i>Open to ECOS members and staff.</i>	Salon 4

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Tuesday, April 9

7:30 a.m.	Registration Desk Open <i>Check in at the registration desk and ask for any help installing your meeting app.</i>	Foyer
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Salon 1-3
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Closed Side Session Option 1: ECOS Digital Strategies Forum (formerly Data Management Workgroup) <i>Open to states and invited guests. Participants may take breakfast into the session.</i>	Studio D
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Closed Side Session Option 2: Environmental Research Institute of the States <i>Open to states and invited guests. Participants may take breakfast into the session.</i>	Studio A
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Building Confidence in Communities: Rising to the PFAS Challenge <i>The pervasiveness of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the environment has emerged as a top challenge for state and federal environmental agencies. This panel of senior leaders from Massachusetts, New Jersey, U.S. EPA, and U.S. DOD will highlight recent strides in regulating these contaminants.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Marty Suuberg, ECOS Water Committee Chair and Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (moderator) ❖ Catherine McCabe, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ❖ Jennifer McLain, Acting Director, U.S. EPA Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water ❖ Maureen Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment, U.S. Department of Defense 	Salon 4
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Building Confidence in Communities: Water Quality Update Roundtable	Salon 4

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ben Grumbles, ECOS Air Committee Chair and Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment (moderator) ❖ Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection ❖ David Ross, Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA Office of Water (invited) 	
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Break with Refreshments	Foyer
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Workshop Option 1: Budget 101 <i>Join state and U.S. EPA officials for this practical overview of the most pivotal budget-related issues facing state environmental commissioners. Topics covered will include Performance Partnership Grants and Agreements, State Revolving Funds and other infrastructure funding, and the federal appropriations and EPA grants process.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Myra Reece, ECOS Planning Committee Chair and Director, South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (moderator) ❖ Valerie Thomson, ECOS State Grants Subgroup Tri-Chair and Director of Administration & Non-Regulatory Programs, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Carol Terris, Acting Associate Chief Financial Officer, U.S. EPA ❖ Dierdre Finn, Executive Director, Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities 	Salon 4
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Workshop Option 2: Improv 101 <i>In this interactive session, ECOS Secretary-Treasurer Patrick McDonnell, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, will lead exercises to promote active listening.</i></p>	Studio D
12:35 – 1:55 p.m.	Advancing Collaboration with Congress: Lunch with U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-DE) and Clean Air & Nuclear Safety Subcommittee Chair Mike Braun (R-IN) (invited), introduced by ECOS President Becky Keogh, Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality	Salon 1-3
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Hot Topics Session: Integrating Environmental & Energy Agencies & Overcoming New Barriers to Recycling <i>As the work of environmental protection evolves, state agencies must find innovative ways to adapt. For example, the increasing nexus of environmental and energy issues has prompted some state environment and energy agencies to integrate or to collaborate more closely. Meanwhile, new Chinese restrictions on the import of recyclable feedstocks often collected through</i></p>	Salon 4

	<p><i>municipal programs are driving cities and states to reevaluate their plastic recycling strategies. This interactive session will explore how states are adapting to shifting landscapes, allowing significant time for audience participation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Liesl Eichler Clark, Director, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (moderator) ❖ Barry Breen, Acting Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management ❖ Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director, National Stewardship Action Council 	
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Break with Refreshments	Foyer
3:15 – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Building Confidence in Communities: Strategies for a Clean & Renewable Energy Future</p> <p><i>Across the nation, there is growing momentum among states, cities, corporations, and other stakeholders toward setting GHG reduction goals and procuring more energy from clean and renewable sources. Economics, customer expectations, and government policies are contributing to a long-term shift in both the electric power and mobile source sectors. Join us to discuss how can work together as we embark on this new energy future.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ben Grumbles, ECOS Air Committee Chair and Secretary, Maryland Department of Environment (moderator) ❖ Alan Matheson, ECOS Air Committee Vice Chair and Director, Utah Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Allen Schaeffer, Executive Director, Diesel Technology Forum ❖ Katharine Bond, Senior Director of External Affairs & Public Policy, Dominion Energy 	Salon 4
5:00 – 8:30 p.m.	<p>Advancing Cross-Border Collaboration: Dinner Reception with Remarks by Rachel McCormick, Counselor & Program Manager, Energy & Environment, Embassy of Canada</p> <p><i>Please bring a photo id and wear your nametag. Buses depart from outside the front lobby of the hotel promptly at 5 p.m. Attendees returning to the hotel will depart the embassy by 8 p.m.</i></p>	Embassy of Canada 501 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 – 7:15 a.m.	Morning Stretch , led by Jim Kenney of New Mexico, certified yoga instructor <i>Open to all attendees. Please bring a large towel.</i>	Studio D
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Closed Session: Buffet Breakfast <i>Open to states.</i>	Salon 1-3
8:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Closed Session: States-Only Dialogue 8:00 a.m. Resolutions Discussion & Voting 9:00 a.m. State-White House Dialogue ❖ Mary Neumayr, Chairwoman, White House Council on Environmental Quality 10:00 a.m. Cooperative Federalism 2.0 Discussion <i>Open to states.</i>	Salon 4
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break with Refreshments <i>Open to states.</i>	Foyer
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	Closed Session: State Legislative Roundtable <i>Open to states and invited guests.</i> For state environmental commissioners, effective communication with your legislatures can go a long way to help both your organization and your mission. This dialogue will provide insight into critical dynamics in the statehouse, as well as tips for making legislative relations more proactive and less pressure-filled. ❖ John Tippetts, Director, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (moderator) ❖ Kristen Hildreth, Policy Specialist, State-Federal Relations Division, National Conference of State Legislatures ❖ Mark Anderson, Co-Chief Executive Officer and Principal, Stateside Associates	Salon 4